

## Minutes of the Solid Waste Committee

July 14, 2005

Present: Pat Church, chair; Marlene Barnett, Recycling Coordinator; Clare Bertrand, Marianne Lorenzelli, Harvey Allen, Meg Vickery

1) First on the Agenda was the issue of membership on the SWC, and the two existing vacancies. It was felt that Rene Holevesky(sp?) Would not be a good choice as she is not a resident of Amherst. Pat Church offered to contact Mark Power and the manager of Pufton Village for possible names of people who live in apartments and could offer their perspective on recycling issues in multi-family units. The committee discussed the issue of diversity and possible steps to take to diversify membership.

2) Mission Statement. Pat Church wanted the committee to formulate some definite goals for the SWC. These could include following up with BFI and their commitment to recycling, especially as it pertains to downtown businesses. Also, Marlene is putting together more information for students living off campus, and this she will send to the committee for review and then put it on the Town's website.

Other projects include: the School Composting; Food Recycling in town; In-Town businesses recycling; Bins for recycling bottles and cans in town; Form and letter to multi-family complexes to be sent out by Intern, which include gathering information about what the residents are currently doing, information to new tenants, how the SWC can facilitate recycling at multi-family complexes and options for non-hazardous wastes; BFI issue; Support of the Transfer Station permit.

### Updates:

1. School Composting, the Environmental Action Club at the High School is supporting composting there.

2. Marlene reported that Styrofoam can be taken to Postal Connections who will reuse it. She added that she had spoken with the new person at Chartwells who is keen to avoid using styrofoam trays and to recycle them.

The next meeting is August 18, 2005, at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meg Vickery, clerk pro tem